

## Good-By To Gold Beating

(By Fred J. Walker, CPG Correspondent)

**OKLAND, Cal.** — One of mankind's ancient arts — gold-beating — is fighting a losing battle these days for its very existence. A host of substitutes, according to Fred Hutchins, one of the top practitioners of the art, has cut so heavily into the demand for beaten gold that it hardly pays to stay in business.

"New paints, neon signs and such things," Hutchins says, "now dominate the market and the public doesn't seem to care much about using gold decoratively."

Sixty-three years ago, as a lad of nine in Birmingham, Eng., Hutchins became an apprentice, learning a craft that goes back to the earliest historical records.

Gold was used to decorate Egyptian mummy cases many centuries before the Christian era and Homer and other writers all speak of beaten gold placed on objects man wanted to be beautiful.

Pure gold of 24 karats is alloyed by Hutchins with silver and copper until it is 23½ karats to begin the process. This is done in a furnace at 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit.

Greater strength and workability is imparted to the metal by the copper and the silver provides the shade of gold leaf desired when added in greater or lesser quantities.

Forced into an ingot, the gold then is hand-rolled between steel rollers.

### Costume Jewelry Easy To Make With Buttons

The urge to own a wide selection of costume jewelry is often thwarted by a cramped budget and the inability to find exactly what you want. One solution to both these problems is to make your own jewelry. With buttons, it's easy.

Gleaming buttons from the notions counter rival a jeweler's display, offering a wide variety of styles and sizes from which to choose.

There are glitter buttons, following the current fashion trend toward sparkle. Adaptable to almost any form of jewelry you desire, they are particularly effective as necklace pendants, which are made by stringing together three buttons of graduated sizes.

These pendants, suspended from narrow black velvet ribbons, combine with matching earrings to make glamorous evening ensembles.

Also for wear with dance frocks are easy-to-make chokers, dressed up with a handsome button which is set with fake jewels. Simply sew it in place.

Complementary earrings may be made from smaller buttons of the same design, or from sparkling buttons set with similar stones.

To make these attractive earrings, purchase earring backs at a notions counter, or buy inexpensive earrings and remove the setting. Attach the buttons of your choice to the backs with a good household cement.

The same method may be used for making tailored earrings, which are attractive when matched in smaller size, with buttons on your dress or blouse.

A similar procedure should be followed in making pins. If pinbacks are unavailable in your town, break the original decorations from inexpensive pins and cement buttons in their place.

In case you have difficulty making metal buttons adhere to metal pins or earring backs, shred a piece of string and mix the fuzz with the cement before gluing the pieces together. Another method is to rough up one of the surfaces with a file.

The making of button jewelry is often simplified by removing the shank—the loop through which the thread would pass for ordinary button use.

This can usually be broken off with a little pressure, or removed with a small file from the toolbox. In some cases, it's easier to take off the entire back of the button by prying with a nail file.

In addition to earrings, necklaces and pins you can make cuff links by joining two buttons with a short length of twisted wire.

### Lebanese Girl Now Likes Canada

**HODGSON, Man.** — A 16-year-old Lebanese girl who flew 6,400 miles to marry a Hodgson farmer she had never seen, has changed her mind about Canada. Now she likes the place.

At first Haasir Ali Tasse was unhappy. On her arrival in October, she says, she thought the country cold, strange and frightening. To make it worse, her fiancé got tangled over plane times and wasn't at the airport.

Now she is living with her future parents-in-law—and will be Mrs. Joseph Abas before the end of November.

"She's feeling better and smiles a lot now," says Joseph's father, Ala Abas. "I don't think she is lonely any more."

Haasir's English is poor yet, but she's using an English name. She calls herself Hilda.

The young Lebanese girl and Joseph Abas had a correspondence romance before her flight to Manitoba.

until it is one-thousandth of an inch thick and 26 feet long, weighing three ounces.

Divided into 220 equal pieces, this gold is given three thorough beatings, each of them packed in a different way of pounding. The 220 pieces are packed in a cutch, a packet of sheets made from French seaweed.

Each sheet of gold is placed between a seaweed sheet, which has been thoroughly dried because even minute drops of moisture pierce the gold, forming pinholes during beating.

The cutch then is placed in a sheepskin case made of two telescoping parts about four inches square. Hutchins' sheepskins are parchments dating back to the year 1700 on which deeds and other documents were recorded in England.

Placed on a 400-pound granite block, the cutch is pounded with a 15-pound hammer for half an hour at the rate of 90 beats per minute. Its beating flattens out the gold so that the sheets when cut to their original size number 880 instead of 220.

The second beating is with cowgut envelopes called shodder. The gold is beaten in the shodder for 90 minutes. Cut in four, the sheets are divided into three piles which are placed in three five-inch square molds for their beating.

The final beating is in skins five and one-half inches square, costing \$200 a thousand. Skill of the gold-beater and fineness of the skins determine the perfection and thickness of the gold leaf.

An eight-pound hammer is wielded for three minutes, then he rests two minutes and the gold is repeated. The process, which requires 90 minutes. At the conclusion of the process there are 3,500 leaves of gold so thin that one ounce of gold covers 100 square feet.

A breath of wind will crumple the finished product, which is 1/250,000ths of an inch thick and translucent.

Despite this delicacy, gold leaf is remarkably durable. It resists changes caused by the elements and when used on exterior decorations retains its color unaltered indefinitely.

### Canada Leads All Others In Supplying Wheat To Philippines

**OTTAWA, Ont.** — Canada led all other grain exporting countries in supplying wheat to the Philippines during the first half of this year, the trade department reported. Exports of Canadian grain to the new western Pacific republic increased nearly 61 per cent. over 1949, and Canada replaced the United States as the chief exporter of grain to the Philippines.

The total value of Canadian grains sold in the Philippines during the six month period was 15,000,000 pesos (\$2,500,000 Canadian).

The department reported that grain exports to the Philippines from Australia, Denmark, Germany and Malaysia also increased.

However, U.S. imports of grains in the Philippines declined from a value of \$17,000,000 during the first half of 1949 to \$7,205,000 this year.

### Material In One-Cent Piece Costs Little

(By Hugh Boyd)

**OTTAWA.** — A penny may cost more than its face value to manufacture, as reported from London, but officers of the Royal Canadian Mint don't know whether the cent is another rare item which can be had at less than cost.

They say they have never figured it out, and claim that an accurate estimate would be difficult. That is because all kinds of metals as well as other denominations of coins are being turned out by the mint at the same time, and no separate unit cost records are kept as to share of labor, overhead and so on.

One thing mint officials were definite about—the cost of material going into a one-cent piece is "infinitesimal." Copper costs about 27 cents a pound, and 140 cents can be made from a pound of copper.

### New Manufacturing Firms In Canada

**OTTAWA.** — Manufacturing is on the upswing in Canada. The trade department reported the first four postwar years have produced more than 1,000 new manufacturing firms and that this will be topped in 1950 by more than 200.

Of new manufacturing businesses established in the postwar period, almost 200 were foreign, attracted to this country by the expanding Canadian consumer market.

The United States contributed 147, the United Kingdom 34 and other European countries 19.



LONDON'S NEW LORD MAYOR — Alderman Denys C. F. Lawson, new Lord Mayor of London, waves his hat to the crowd as his coach leaves in the procession from the Guildhall during the Lord Mayor's Show.

### Seeks Impossible In Woman

**LONDON.** — If you know an attractive woman who is interested in astronomy, psychology, electronics, hydroponics, molecular energy and thinking machines, then she might be the right woman for John Derick Cooper.

Cooper, 29, a sober, deep-thinking young bio electronic technician wants a wife, but she's got to come up to his exacting specifications.

So far he's spent £20 on neatly-typed advertisements in 60 storefront windows in the last month, and he's joined three marriage bureaus, but the ideal hasn't turned up yet.

In addition to the above attributes she must be under 26 and have intelligence, personal understanding, sympathetic response, naturalness, frankness, tolerance, humor, pleasing personality, dependable character, adventurousness, compassion, looks, speech and good health.

Any offers?

**ALL MIXED UP.** — Norman E. Mullin took a brief but exciting ride inside a whirling concrete mixer when a fellow worker turned the machine on while Mullin was cleaning it. Mullin yelled lustily and the workman turned the mixer off.

**DID YOU KNOW?** — A whale does not spout water from its nostrils. It releases long-continued moisture-laden breath which condenses in the cooler air and gives the appearance of a column of water.

### Satin Sparks A Holiday Party Dress



Unusual materials are handled deftly to make an afternoon and an after-dark dress that will go to many a holiday party. The blouse which highlighted the satin brocade gown, at left, gives it the title "Wave Length." Black velvet provides dark contrast and they bow perch on the short sleeves and deep pockets to provide a festive touch.—Central Press Canadian.

## "Hoppers" Threaten Sask. Next Year

**REGINA, Sask.** — Government scientists counted eggs by the million. They said the total would show how many grasshoppers will ravage Saskatchewan farms next year.

The experts, staff members of the Dominion Entomological Laboratory at Saskatoon, Sask., said their preliminary count indicated farmers would have to wage all-out war on the insects again in 1951.

The campaign will start soon in areas where there is not much danger of soil drifting. In these districts provincial agriculture minister C. Nohet recommended shallow fall tillage to destroy the eggs.

He also recommended a study of the egg infestation in stubble fields this fall to discover whether they should seed these fields next spring. The provincial government, in its anti-grasshopper campaign, has been hammering at the theme that heavy-insect stubble fields should not be seeded.

Many farmers ignored this advice. Others helped the grasshoppers along by waiting too long to work summer-fallow fields and by failing to leave trap-strips of weeds or grain in summer-fallow fields. Purpose of these green strips was to concentrate the hoppers in a small area where they could be easily poisoned.

A hopeful sign for next year was that grasshoppers, although still present in dangerous numbers, likely would be fewer than this year. This was small comfort in itself, since potential damage to the 1950 crop was tremendous. Fortunately, however, a cool spring prevented the insects from exerting a maximum effort. Just what damage they did accomplish will be known within a few months.

The figures for 1949 were available, however, if any farmers doubted what hoppers could do. Last year the insects gobbled up \$23,000,000 worth of wheat and five million dollars worth of other grains in Saskatchewan. They also ate more than \$1,000,000 worth of poison paid for by the provincial government and the municipalities. Officials estimated the damage would have been at least \$50,000,000 higher if those precautions had been neglected.

On a percentage basis, last year grasshoppers ate seven per cent. of Saskatchewan's wheat and 6.3 of other crops.

The present infestation started to build up in 1945, the first of a series of dry years in Saskatchewan. Officials said that a similar series of comparatively wet summers like 1950's would beat back the hoppers.

Meanwhile the provincial government's agricultural representatives organized meetings throughout the province to hammer home to the farmers the importance of cultural methods in controlling the pests.

### Mackinaw Coat Will Observe Its 139th Anniversary

Recognized winter wearing apparel in Canada and the northern United States, the Mackinaw coat will observe its 139th anniversary this year, and thereby honor the region of its origin—Northern Ontario.

Captain Roberts was the commander at Fort St. Joseph, on the island of St. Joseph in the St. Mary's river in November, 1811, when the weather started to turn cold.

Fearing that his men would freeze in the frigid weather, Capt. Roberts sent a letter to Capt. Evans, adjutant at the military headquarters in Quebec, which read in part as follows:

"All hopes having now ceased of the arrival of the schooner Huron, or any other vessel from Amherstburg, with the clothing of the detachment, I am, this day (November 20, 1811), obtaining upon my requisition to the storekeeper of the Indian Department, a consignment of heavy blankets, for the purpose of making men into great coats, a measure the severity of the climate strongly demands and one, I trust, the commander of the forces will not disapprove of, when he is informed that not a blanket remains of the coats served out to them in the year 1807, and that they have received none since."

Captain Roberts wasted no time in ordering John Askin, keeper of the King's stores, to start work on the coats. Halfbreed women were engaged to do the work and the blankets selected were 3½ point Hudson Bay blankets. The color ordered was blue, but as there were not enough blue blankets, the order was finished in red and in plaid.

The following spring the British soldiers captured Fort Mackinaw from the Americans, and it is said that a factor in the victory was the high morale of the British after spending a comfortable winter clad in the blanket great coats.

In the winter of 1812-13 coats were needed for marching from Fort Mackinaw to Montreal, and as it was expected that the snow would be deep, Captain Roberts ordered a short, double-breasted coat made from the Hudson Bay blankets.

Trappers, woodsmen and others saw the British soldiers clad in the short, heavy winter coat and it was not long until the Mackinaw coat was generally accepted for all types of civilian wear.—The Sudbury Star.

**FROM SUPERSTITION TO MODERN SCIENCE**

In the 18th century a thriving business was done in amulets and charms against smallpox. At that time terrible epidemics raged all over the world and people turned to any reputed protection against the killer disease. One "charm" was a word-square composed of words written forward and backward on a piece of paper that had been blessed, and was worn on the person. At this time, in England, Dr. Jenner was introducing to the world his discovery of vaccination, a method of immunization against smallpox that was to eliminate the disease from all those countries, including Canada, which have adopted this infallible means of protection. The 20th century calls for science, not superstition.

**BANK WAS FORCED TO BORROW MONEY**

**ADAMS, Mass.** — The First National Bank had to borrow money one day recently to do business. When the vault was closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, the time lock was set for 45 hours ahead instead of 40. The lock remained secure the next day until 5 p.m., but, neighboring banks came to the rescue with ready cash.

Great Salt lake in Utah is saltier than the ocean.



## Money Chief Cause Of Marital Grief

—SAYS CLERGYMAN

WINNIPEG. — The love of money isn't only the root of all evil—it's also the chief cause of marital grief, according to Rev. J. Burton Thomas.

There's not much chance of a successful marriage unless a wife is "definitely, accurately and completely" aware of her husband's financial position, he told a young couples' marriage-guidance clinic.

He said the family budget should be planned to give each partner some personal money, "even if it means only an extra two-bits a month to spend."

Despite all the talk about sex, more trouble had been caused in marriages by money problems.

Mr. Thomas' talk was called "A Minister Looks at Marriage". He said the path of "most disastrous consequences" for young folk was to choose the wrong life partner.

"If there is to be any guarantee of happiness or success, the choice must involve a third person, God, who must always be consulted," he said.

First guide-post to a happy marriage was: "Caution before you leap." "Too many young people are grabbing the first thing that comes along, just like in a cafeteria, and having to pay for it afterwards."

Falling in love and staying in love were vastly different. Basic problems must be met before marriage which is "an institution, not a reformatory."

Love brushed aside barriers and by-passed problems. Critical judgment was often dulled until it was too late.

"When sex attractions come in the door, reason and judgment fly out the window."

A pre-marital glimpse by young couples of themselves 10 years after marriage "looking out at each other across the breakfast table" would bring a drop in the divorce rate.

Second guide-post is that marriage is a partnership for life, demanding teamwork. "Despite the story Hollywood tells and what is read in magazine and love stories," Mr. Thomas said.

The third is recognition of the "ill death do us part" factor. Anything less was not a true Christian marriage.

Marriage was the greatest individual test of constancy of love to man. Marriages based on a church background for each party had spiritual resources from the start.

"I should be the last to deny the possibilities of love at first sight," he said, "but I don't think it happens as often as many say it does."

## Britain's Christmas Dinner Will Lack Turkey

LONDON. — Britain's Christmas dinner this year will be fairly good at both ends but pretty bleak in the middle.

There will be ample fruit to begin with and nuts for afterwards, but the traditional turkey will be absent from thousands of festive tables.

Six weeks before Christmas, the Food Ministry discovered that there was an acute shortage of turkeys this year, because thousands of birds died in the cold, wet summer. As a result, prices have soared out of sight.

The sequence of events leading up to the situation is this:

1. The government removed the controls on the domestic turkey market this year.
2. A lot of turkeys died, creating a shortage.
3. This set up a sellers' market with skyrocketing prices.
4. The government, by its bulk buying policy and currency controls, prevents private dealers from importing turkeys to create the competition which would normally bring the price down again.

Result: Current quotation on a turkey for Christmas delivery run up to \$1.90 a pound, with the lowest expected price \$1.20.

There won't be any extra meat ration to help fill in the middle of a turkey-less Christmas dinner, either. And there won't be any extra eggs. (Present ration, one a week per person).

At the moment food festivity is based on six extra ounces of candy, a pound and half of extra sugar, four extra ounces of cooking fat, and lots of oranges, apples and nuts. If you are over seventy years old, there will be an extra four ounces of tea.

It was announced in Paris that France's food supply, in quality and quantity, is now greater than before the war.

### HOUSE RULES

In the House of Representatives when the mace is on the pedestal near the desk of the Speaker the House is sitting as the House of Representatives. When the mace is down, it is sitting as a committee.

## Winter Means Fashion—Plus Warmth



Warmth and beauty are equal parts in the sum of Canadian cold-weather fashions. The black and white tweed suit, (at right), is dramatized by a bright red wool jersey blouse, and the boxy jacket is lined with the same material. The white slopes of Mont Tremblant and Banff will be rivalled by spanking white featured in ski togs this season. In the one, (at centre), gabardine is used for the suit, and a brown and white fleece jacket added. Gold velvetene makes the cozy business dress, (at left), with black trim for fashion contrasts.—Central Press Canadian.

### NEVER WANT TO DO IT AGAIN

## Driver Has Hair-Raising Time Guiding Bus Down Mountain

SALIDA, Colo.—A bus driver who guided a runaway bus recently with 33 football players aboard around near-perpendicular mountain cliffs at a 110-mile-an-hour clip said he "never wanted to do that again."

Jerry Tobin, 44-year-old driver for Western State college of Gunnison, Colorado, shook his head as he told of a 17-minute, near-brush with death.

"We had just started down Monarch pass when I noticed my air pressure had dropped from 115 pounds to 30 pounds and I didn't have any brakes," he said.

"Joe Thomas, Western State coach, tried to kick the gear shift back into second after it snapped into neutral, but he broke it off at the floor. Then we didn't have anything."

"We kept rolling and gaining speed and I kept pumping my brakes to try to get up some pressure, but we couldn't. Apparently when I braked before, one of the brake lines stayed open and let the air out of the line."

The perspiring driver pulled on the emergency handbrake, but that was

"like trying to stop it with a toothpick."

"My big concern was a railroad track at the bottom of the pass that usually is blocked by ore trains snaking up the mountain," he said.

"I yelled at the guys to start shifting when the bus came to a curve. I told them to shift to the left at a left turn, and to the right at a right turn. They did, but at every curve the bus was swaying so much the fenders were rubbing the tires."

"When we came to the railroad track, there was nothing on it. I looked at the speedometer. It registered 110 miles an hour. I never looked at the speedometer again."

**Election Candidate Truthful.** CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Dan Rees, elected Laramie County commissioner Nov. 7 after a campaign in which he promised to be "reasonably honest," thanked his supporters in a newspaper advertisement which said: "All promises made in the heat of the campaign are hereby retracted; they are null and void and of no further value."

## Missionary Retires From Northern Post

A 63-year-old English woman missionary who spent 21 years in Canada's unsettled northland sailed for home recently wearing battered mukluks and parka, her trademark among the settlers of northern British Columbia.

Miss Monica Storrs, an Anglican missionary and a sister of Sir Ronald Storrs, famous commander of Lawrence of Arabia fame, plans to retire in the quiet of the English countryside.

"When I first went north in British Columbia there were only about 70 settlers in the little town of Fort St. John," Miss Storrs said. "I lived with a pioneer settler and later built my own log house. Now there are 15,000 inhabitants in the town."

"Our parish there covered about 3,000 square miles and I travelled for 12 years on horseback because of lack of roads," she said.

She was sorry to leave northern British Columbia but "I feel some younger person should carry on the work."—Montreal Daily Star.

During a period following the seventeenth century, it became proper to eat with a knife.

## Children's Pet Deer Turns To Man-Killer

COLUMBIA, Calif. — Bambi, a four-year-old deer which was the pet of scores of children, paid with his life recently for turning man-killer.

Mr. and Mrs. Seaton Barker, owners of the Wilbur Springs health resort near here, raised Bambi from a yearling. They fed him from a bottle. All the children in the area loved to pet him. They had their pictures taken with their arms about their four-legged playmate.

But several months ago Bambi became "mean" and the Barkers had to chase him away.

Finally, Bambi killed Nick Miskulin of Burney, Calif., apparently when Miskulin got out of his automobile to shut the door of his cabin. His body was found near the car. He had been gored and stamped on with razor sharp hooves; one of whose thrusts severed an artery.

Two men reported they saw Bambi running in the vicinity with blood on his antlers.

Game Wardens Taylor London and William Shay went hunting for Bambi. While they were creeping up opposite sides of a canyon, Shay looked across and saw Bambi stalking London. He signalled to his companion, who fired 11 shots at the animal.

"I guess that deer felt so important after killing one man that he thought he was going to get me, too," London said. "He showed no fear at all."

"I thought I hit him right in the breast, but dirt flew up near his feet. My sights were fouled."

A posse of 10 men was organized to get Bambi. It included two fish and game men in a patrol plane who kept in contact with the hunters by radio.

One of the hunters was a Columbia city official, Roy Triplett, who brought along his wife, Gertrude, his daughter-in-law, Alma, and his 10-month-old baby, grandchild.

The two women and the baby remained near the car while Triplett went off to join the other hunters.

Suddenly the buck emerged from the bushes and began pawing the ground, tossing his antlers into the air. The women ran for the car and slammed the door just as Bambi charged.

The women huddled in the car, shivering in terror as Bambi rattled his antlers against the windows vainly pawing at the car in an attempt to reach the occupants of the auto.

Triplett, who was a short distance away, heard the screams. He ran back to the car, lifted his rifle and fired. The deer fell, mortally wounded.

## New Safety Harness Designed For Airmen

NEW YORK—Come along for a daring ride on a rocket sled.

Shot by rockets, it whizzes along on rails. It gets going 150 miles an hour and then seems to hit a solid brick wall.

Your body suddenly feels as though it weighs 4,000 to 6,000 pounds. Special brakes slow you down so quickly, in 13/100ths of a second, that you're subjected to a force 25 to 35 times greater than gravity.

But a special new safety harness keeps you sitting safe and upright in the sled's seat.

That harness now is ready to save airmen in plane crashes; and will give them a far better chance of walking away, Maj. John B. Stapp, U.S. Air Force medical officer, said. The harness was developed and proved in test rides on the rocket sled at Edwards air force base in California.

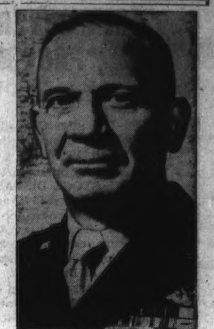
Maj. Stapp — with splints on an arm broken Oct. 23—told the story to the association of military surgeons. He's taken 23 rides on the sled, and broken his wrist twice.

The new safety harness has six straps, made of two or three layers of special-strength nylon, to hold a man to his seat. Two straps go around the shoulders, two come around to meet at his stomach, and two go under and around his legs. They meet and fasten over the stomach, and a quick-opening buckle lets a man get free in a hurry.

It should keep a man in his seat in case of accident, preventing him from being flung against some part of the airship, Maj. Stapp said. And the man would have a far-better chance of getting out if the wreck caught fire.

## CROCODILE HUNTING POPULAR IN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE—A craze for crocodile hunting in Australia has started a demand for special boats; special clothes and special guns. Shooting clubs are springing up and it is hoped the hazardous pastime may become an attraction for average sportsmen.



COMMANDER OF ATOM-AGE POST—Lieut. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, at present continental air commander of the U.S., will leave his post to head the new air defense command, adopted by the air force in what is termed an "atom-age" command. Its purpose is to strengthen defense of the homeland and give close support to ground troops. Gen. Whitehead will also have jurisdiction over all the air units now grouped in the eastern and western air defense force.—Central Press Canadian.

## Soup Is Wise Menu For Child In Winter

OTTAWA.—If mother's wise she'll make soup part of the supper menu these winter days. The youngsters will like it because it's warm. Incidentally it also is a good way to use up leftovers lingering in the refrigerator.

For instance the remains of last Sunday's chicken could be made into soup. The bones of the chicken along with any extra bits of skin must be crushed down into a saucepan and covered with cold water. To the strained liquid add: one-half cup finely sliced onion; one-half cup finely sliced carrot; one-quarter cup the noodles (three-quarters of an inch in length); salt and pepper to taste; one cup tomato juice; one cup chopped chicken.

Simmer covered for another hour. Here are three soup recipes the family is bound to appreciate:

**Onion soup**—Ingredients: six medium-sized onions; two tablespoons mild-flavored fat; two tablespoons flour; one quart brown soup stock; six slices toast; one-half cup grated cheese. Six servings.

**Cook sliced onions in water** and cover for one-half hour. Rub through a sieve. Melt fat, blend in flour and gradually add one cup of the stock. Stir until a mixture thickens. Add onions and remaining stock, blending well. Simmer for 20 minutes. Place one slice of toast in each soup-plate, add soup and sprinkle with grated cheese. Six servings.

**Creamy onion soup**—Ingredients: three tablespoons mild-flavored fat; 1½ cups finely minced onion; two tablespoons flour; 1½ teaspoons salt; three cups milk; one cup vegetable water, milk or water; paprika; nutmeg; one-half cup grated cheese; two tablespoons chopped parsley.

Melt fat and add minced onion. Saute until a golden brown. Stir in flour and salt. Add milk and vegetable water. Simmer soup, covered, until onions are tender. Season with paprika, nutmeg. Place a tablespoon of grated cheese and a teaspoon chopped parsley in each soup-plate and pour the hot soup over them. Serve immediately. Six servings.

**Tomato soup**—Ingredients: one quart canned tomatoes (cut in pieces); one green pepper (chopped fine); one large onion (diced); one pimiento (diced); three stalks celery cut in small pieces; one pint water; two teaspoons salt. Six servings.

Mix and cook slowly for half an hour stirring frequently. When cooked add one-quarter teaspoon soda. Rub together four tablespoons butter and four tablespoons flour and stir into the tomato mixture. Boil until thickened. Add milk to thin to a creamy consistency (about two cups). Serve with crisp crackers.

## Tiny Babies Can Live A Normal Adult Life

TORONTO.—Do babies abnormally small at birth later live a normal adult life?

Mrs. Edwin Diplock, 36, is one proof that they can. She weighed only one pound eight ounces at birth, and now stands 5 feet 2 inches.

Mrs. Diplock was born in North Sydney, N.S., and was nursed by her mother. She was anemic until she was 15.

At birth, she said, "my arm was so small the doctor could put the ring from his finger up to my elbow. I was put in a shoe box wrapped in cotton wool and olive oil, and kept in an oven four months."

A twin brother, also underweight, died a few minutes after birth. Nurses said they had a hard time keeping Mrs. Diplock alive.

Think Right—Eat Right—Live Right







## GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

November 6th, 1950

The Executive Council has had under consideration the report of the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, dated October 25th, 1950, stating that:

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 3a of THE LIVE STOCK DISEASES ACT, being chapter 10 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1946, and amendments thereto, a petition signed by two-thirds of the owners of cattle in any municipal district or improvement district may be presented to the Minister requesting the establishment of that municipal district or improvement district as a restricted area for the eradication of Brucellosis; and

WHEREAS a petition has been presented to the Minister requesting that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 be established as a restricted area for the eradication of Brucellosis; and

WHEREAS the petition has been examined and found to be in accordance with the provisions of Section 3a of The Live Stock Diseases Act;

THEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, the Executive Council advises that the MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT No. 61 be and is hereby established as a RESTRICTED AREA FOR THE ERADICATION OF BRUCELLOSIS.

(Signed) Ernest C. Manning.

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FOR SALE—6V 125 watt Viking Air Charger, in good condition. Complete with 5 foot steel tower and 45 feet of wood tower. Relay and 90 feet of heavy weather proof wire and 4 guy wires. Price \$100.00.—R. A. Herder, RRI.

FOR SALE—Vanguard oats. Uncleaned sample, germination 89, seed permit control No. 70-6479. Ripen from 7 to 10 days earlier than Victory. Cleaned \$1.00 per bushel.—C. E. Fenton, ph. 205, 22-12-19-26c only.

### Kiefer's Shows

Fri., Dec. 22—Family Technicolor "THE BIG CAT"  
Lon McCallister, Preston Foster.

Irma, Friday, December 29

"ENCHANTED VALLEY"

(Anne Gwynne and Alan Curtis)  
Family picture in Technicolor. Commencing January 5, the show will start at 8 p.m. Note change of time for winter months only.

**Greetings**  
Here is our wish to all our friends—that this may be the Merriest Christmas ever—the Happiest, Healthiest and Most Prosperous New Year of all.

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JAS. POND  
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May your Christmas stocking overflow with all the joys of the Season.  
May all of these delights remain with you throughout the New Year.

**Irma Post Office Staff**

### Council Minutes

Minutes of Council meeting held on December 14, 1950 in the Village Office, Irma, Alberta, at 8 p.m.

Councillors present: W. N. Frickelton, W. Symington, C. P. Jones. Mayor Jones in the chair.

Frickelton—that the minutes of the last regular council meeting be adopted as written.

Jones—that the appointment of Mrs. Wilmer Rae as caretaker of the Rest Room be confirmed.

Symington—that Court of Revision re Supplementary Voters List be held if necessary on December 15, 1950 at 8 p.m.

Jones—that fire insurance be placed on the fire hall and contents including the fire equipment and fire alarm installation.

Frickelton—that application for grants from Salvation Army, Canadian Institute for the Blind and Woods Christian Homes be dealt with at the January meeting.

Correspondence dealt with—Office of Public Trustee re Estate of Mervil L. Mikke's son, Lot 1, Block F, Plan 3618 ET. Filed.

Department of Municipal Affairs re use of revised schedules and for Cash Books, Estimates, etc. to conform with the new revised Manual of Instructions. Secretary reported that such new supplies were already on order. Filed.

Department of Health: Provincial Sanitary Inspectors Report dated December 2, 1950. Filed. Calgary Power re Restricted Street Lighting. Filed.

Mayor Jones reported that Rink Schedule had been completed and has been placed in the Rink shack and that the rink caretaker instructed to enforce such schedule.

Jones—that Secretary contact Fire Marshall of Wainwright with a view that he be asked to act as Fire Inspector to inspect property in the Village for possible Fire Hazards and report same to the Council for future action.

Jones—that ratepayers be advised through the Irma Times that to avoid tax penalties after December 31, 1950, all outstanding taxes should be paid prior to that date.

Secretary reported placing insurance for safe damage in accordance with the wishes of the Council.

Financial statement presented as follows: Municipal General Account bank balance \$6,656.73. Receipts for month of November \$230.33. Disbursements \$148.70. Cemetery trust account, bank \$177.02. Agric. Trust \$357.71.

Jones—that statement be accepted and the following accounts payable amounting to \$2850.22 be passed for payment.

A. C. Charter, Sec.-Treas. Village of Irma.



*To Call  
A Merry Christmas—*

At this joyous season of the year, when everyday cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we extend to our many friends our sincerest holiday greetings. A Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

### IRMA CO-OP ASSOCIATION

#### NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS, SUBSCRIBERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

The final issue of the Irma Times will be dated Friday, Dec. 22. Samples of holiday greetings will be available from Mrs. H. Riley and should be in the printers' hands by December 16. Many country weekly newspapers shut down for two weeks in the summertime, so the Times is suspending publication for two weeks during the holiday season. The first issue for 1951 will be dated Jan. 12.

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**HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1951!**

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**Christmas Blessings**  
PEACE, contentment and good cheer—these are the blessings that we wish for our friends during Christmas and the entire New Year.

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## U.S. Congress Ignores Defence Chiefs On St. Lawrence Power Development

By H. D. CRAWFORD  
(CPC Correspondent)

WASHINGTON.—Survival of free men in North America will be the grim and realistic issue if an enemy invades this continent and blasts our Canadian and U.S. cities. With this in mind, you cannot weigh the defense problems facing Canadians and Americans without including defense aspects of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Deep Waterway.

Defense leaders in the United States have given Congress many important reasons why development of the navigation and power potentials of the St. Lawrence river are vitally important for the continent's security.

The Senate has chosen to look the other way, however, and the powerful, highly paid lobby groups, representing foes of the St. Lawrence seaway and power project—selfish regional business interests—have this far managed to manoeuvre proposed legislation off the floor of Congress.

Canadian leaders have gone as far as they can diplomatically to make clear to Congress and other leaders in the United States that they are anxious to see the long-discussed St. Lawrence project get under way.

Some Canadians politely but firmly lay aside the silk gloves of diplomacy when you talk with them, as I did recently in Ottawa, and tell you frankly that they think it extremely unfair that a few selfish business interests in the United States should be allowed to deprive the Canadian and American peoples of all the benefits both might derive from the navigation and power developments on one of the greatest inland waterway systems in the world.

President Truman said in his budget message to Congress this year: "I repeat most emphatically my previous recommendations for approval of the St. Lawrence waterway and power project. Authorization of the seaway, with its related power facilities, is a matter of urgency for our peacetime industry and our national security."

"In particular, each succeeding year reduces further our domestic reserves of iron ore, and increases correspondingly the importance of the seaway as a means of economical access to the proven ore deposits in Quebec and Labrador."

Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent summarized the prevailing Canadian feeling and official policy about the St. Lawrence project recently when he told an audience in upper New York state:

"I am sure all of us hope that we are really approaching the day when we can start to make full use of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence system both for navigation and power. I know we in Canada are getting rather impatient about the delay. From end to end of Canada there

is an overwhelming feeling that a development which will strengthen and enrich this whole St. Lawrence area will benefit all parts of the continent."

Frank C. Pace, secretary of the army, told a congressional committee a few weeks ago that the St. Lawrence seaway and power project had "the approval and strong support of the Department of Defense".

Pace said the St. Lawrence project would stimulate U.S. merchant marine and ship construction industry, provide a vital route for high-grade Labrador iron ore, and strengthen national defence further by providing a large source of cheap, dependable power.

"We are making every effort to standardize military equipment with Canada," Pace told the committee. "The same benefits (of the St. Lawrence project) that I have outlined from the United States point of view are equally applicable to Canada."

"This will permit Canada to develop her industrial potential, and strengthen her military posture, thereby enabling her to go ahead with the arms-standardization program." Pace said this bore directly on defence aspect of the St. Lawrence project.

Since Pace made that statement, Korean war developments have greatly increased the importance of United States-Canadian defence collaboration, and a \$25,000,000 arms-purchasing arrangement has been worked out between the two nations—making St. Lawrence power still more vital for defence.

The Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence weighed defence aspects of the St. Lawrence project and made public this recommendation: "The board considered the significance of the St. Lawrence seaway project from the point of view of the joint defense of the United States and Canada. . . . It is . . . the view of the board that the early completion of this long-delayed enterprise on a co-operative basis satisfactory to both governments would directly contribute to the security of the North American continent."

These are only a few of the views of responsible defence leaders of this continent regarding the importance of getting Senate approval of the 1941 agreement between Canada and the United States to construct the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Deep Waterway.

Yet the U.S. Senate has continued to ignore this and similar advice from this continent's highest defense authorities!

Layer after layer of apathy has encrusted itself upon the public's attitude toward the St. Lawrence project because so much has been said and so little done for so many years. It will be unfortunate if this encrustation of apathy can only be broken by the atomic bombs of an invading enemy.

Long Sault Rapids on the St. Lawrence are now by-passed by freighters via Saulte canal. St. Lawrence seaway development would make the river a vast inland artery for ocean vessels, provide millions of kilowatts of electric energy.—Central Press Canadian.

### HERE'S HEALTH



Cinderella's shoe of glass,  
In the short-and-too-tight class,  
Probably in later years  
Brought her bunions,  
aches and tears.

Dept. of National Health and Welfare

A good example is the best sermon.

### High-Speed Car Makers Criticized

EDMONTON.—Hon. D. B. MacMillan, Works Minister of Alberta, suggested penalties against manufacturers of automobiles with a speed of 80 miles an hour or more as a means of cutting highway accidents.

The Minister said in an interview that automobiles capable of excessive speeds are "weapons of destruction in the hands of irresponsible and reckless drivers."

Mr. MacMillan said nearly two-thirds of Alberta highway accidents happen at night and "nearly always the fatalities are caused by excessive speed and inability of drivers to stop quickly enough to avoid killing or maiming themselves or others."

Fines and jail sentences do not seem to curb effectively the careless or speed fiends, Mr. MacMillan said. "Some new legislation may be necessary. Perhaps it should be illegal to manufacture cars capable of 80 or 90 miles an hour."

He discounted drivers' tests as an effective curb on the accident rate. Alberta requires no test for drivers' licenses.



WHAT'S THE TEMPERATURE?—That's the daily question asked by many these days, and the thermometer becomes a popular watch sign during the winter months. This young school teacher, (shown above), doesn't take any chances with the cold, she is all donned up with a fur parka.

### Alimony Costly, Bouquets Cheaper, Says Psychiatrist

WINNIPEG.—That husband of yours may not be the best or most handsome specimen on two feet, lady, but there's a way to make your wedded life a lot more acceptable. "It's no farther away than the tip of your tongue," says Provincial Psychiatrist T. A. Pincock.

The key to domestic bliss? Brag about the guy, do it where people can hear you. If you look hard enough, you can find something in him to brag about.

But Dr. Pincock says you should be cautious; don't extend the bragging to a point where it becomes boring.

The psychiatrist gave his advice at a young couples' club. And he had some advice for husbands, too. He said they should remember anniversaries and show other common courtesies.

"A bouquet costs something," he said, "but it's a lot cheaper than paying alimony."

Marriage failures, the doctor continued, are usually due to "emotional or other personality failures."

"No marriage runs itself; it must be managed."

Spats out of proportion to their cause could be avoided if couples would understand each other's moods. By remaining calm, one partner could "usually" bring the angry one around to apologizing.

A union of two persons both used to having someone make decisions for them is a sad affair, said Dr. Pincock. Equally difficult is a marriage of two dominant individuals because each is convinced the other is bossy.

Knowledge, beforehand of these traits would make for intelligent adjustments.

Incompetent housekeeping, inefficient use of leisure time and unfair division of labor were secondary causes of marriage failures.

The ideal is marriage—what he called "a democratic co-partnership"—was achieved in about one-third of all marriages. Husbands dominated in a little more than one-third of marriages; wives in a little less than one-third.

Dr. Pincock said the wife-dominated marriages "show a particularly unhappy situation."

Couples could have different interests but if they loved one another they could solve most of their difficulties.

"After all," said Dr. Pincock, "I'm a believer in romance."

**FINEST RUGS**

The beauty and superior workmanship of its rugs gained Persia the name of producing the finest of Oriental rugs as early as the sixteenth century.

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**RED CHINA**

**U.N. MEMBERSHIP**

**Bishop in the St. Louis Star Times**

### Canadian Fashion



NEW NOTE—Velveteen is old, yet new as shown in above model with perky stand-up collar.

### NO SKINNED KNEES

#### Build Rubber-Coated Playground

AKRON, O.—Some youngsters in this area won't come sobbing home next summer with skinned knees, that is, if they go to Margaret Park school playground.

C. S. Hamlet of the Board of Education described a new rubber-coated playground being installed at Margaret Park which is made of ground rubber, bound to a slag base with an asphalt preparation.

Hamlet said the board has been looking for a safe and satisfactory new surface for the grounds and feels this may be the answer. However, Hamlet said, "We won't know for a couple of years, at least. We have to give the surface time to deteriorate."

Ideally, Hamlet said, grass is the best, but it is impossible to keep a lawn with children romping over it.

### YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM BITT  
Central Press  
Canadian Writer

A survey of likes and dislikes of British school children reveals they are more afraid of cockroaches than tigers. Naturally, tigers seldom charge at one from out of a dark basement corner.

Outer space, we read, is full of cosmic dust. Naturally, with all those comets charging by at breakneck speed.

Speaking of dust: the Man in the Moon could certainly use a housekeeper. Astronomers say the stuff is a foot deep on our satellite.

An editorial mused the passing of the old-fashioned veranda as a means of keeping the family together. Well, there's always the living-room television set.

A Chinese family boasts none of its members have worked in the last 14 centuries. Still looking for the right kind of job, no doubt.

A midwesterner sought a divorce because, he said, his wife beat him with a floor lamp. The bumps and bruises would be bad enough—but just think of the wear and tear on electric light bulbs!

An easterner is using a racing stable for selling him, he says, a horse that sneezes. There's a nag, apparently, that can't win by a nose—not even a red one.

### Painted-Farm Buildings

It is fine to see the number of painted barns and farm buildings increasing in our agricultural district. Probably the farmer with a painted barn does not fully realize how much his building is admired by urban folk who pass along his front road.

As a matter of fact some town and city folk whose knowledge of soil and crops is somewhat limited judge a farm's worth almost entirely by the look of the buildings.

One day recently we talked with a New Yorker who was paying an extended visit to Canada. He has traveled by train and automobile through much of southern Ontario. "Are the farmers really prosperous in Ontario?" he asked. "I don't see too many painted barns."

We hastened to assure him that this was no rule to follow in Ontario because the farmers here did not seem to take to barn paint as readily as they do in certain parts of the United States.—St. Marys Journal-Argus.

### NEW CHRYSANTHEMUMS—SMELL OF VIOLETS

DORRIDGE, England.—Flower-grower John Woolman, 60, has found a way to put scent into chrysanthemums.

Normally these flowers have no perfume. Mr. Woolman, a leading chrysanthemum exhibitor, found his formula after five years' experimentation.

There's one odd thing about Mr. Woolman's chrysanthemums—they smell of violets.

Dakota means "alliance of friends" in the Sioux tongue.

## Wheat As Feed For Livestock

In periods when a wheat surplus exists or when the crop has been damaged by frost, rust or unfavourable weather at harvest time, the importance of giving wheat a place in farm rations merits consideration.

Wheat is fully as palatable as the coarse grains more commonly used for feed.

When mixing wheat with other grains, it should be done by weight rather than by measure.

Wheat should never be ground finely for feeding. Medium to coarse grinding or rolling is preferable as finely ground wheat may become pasty when moistened and result in digestive disorders.

**Pigs**

Wheat like all other grains has individual characteristics and limitations in pig feeding, which require that it be used with judgment. Though in some cases a high proportion of this grain has been used in feed mixtures with apparent satisfaction, there is some experimental evidence which suggests that under certain conditions pigs so fed may be penalized in carcass grade for over-finish even when marketed at 200 pounds live weight. However, when a mixture of grains used there should be no danger of carcass penalty traceable to wheat when it constitutes not over 60 per cent. of the feed mixture.

Wheat is not satisfactory for swine feeding, like the other cereal grains, requires the addition of protein, mineral and vitamin supplements.

**Best Cattle**

For fattening market cattle, it is safer to feed wheat mixed with grains of a bulky nature. Oats are particularly suitable for this purpose. It is advisable to include a high percentage of oats at the beginning of the feeding period and gradually increase the proportion and amount of wheat or other heavy grains as the period advances. Wheat should be rolled or coarsely ground for cattle.

**Dairy Cattle**

Cows in milk require generous ration which is rich in digestible nutrients, and particularly rich in proteins and minerals. When legume hays form all or part of the roughage fed to dairy cows of average producing ability, a high proportion of high protein feeds is reduced and the cereal grains, including wheat, can be used more widely. Wheat may be used in the ration of the milking cow to the extent of one-third of the total grain ration.

**Sheep**

Wheat has been fed extensively to fattening lambs and wintering ewes. It is frequently fed in the unground state, although the hard milling grade should be coarsely ground or cracked for general sheep feeding. A mixture by weight of one part wheat and two parts oats would be suitable for ewes and for lambs during the early part of the fattening period. As the lamb feeding period advances, the proportion of wheat may be increased until three parts wheat and one part oats is being fed.

**Horses**

The best single grain for horses is unquestionably oats, although wheat may be used in the ration, especially for work horses. Wheat should be rolled or coarsely ground for horses and may be used with the greatest safety when fed with a bulky feed like oats.

While experimental work now being carried on to establish the relative feeding value of wheat that is treated at varying stages of growth is incomplete, present indications are that weight per bushel is the best yardstick.

Further information on feed and feeding practices is available from Provincial Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Colleges, Dominion Experimental Farms, and livestock offices of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

### Old Fashioned Apple Dumplings

6 medium baking apples  
2 cups flour  
1/4 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup milk  
Fare and core apples leaving whole. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut in shortening until about the size of small peas. Sprinkle milk over the mixture and press together lightly, working dough only sufficient to hold together. Roll dough as for pastry. Cut in 6 squares. Place an apple in each square. Fill cavity with sugar and cinnamon. Pat dough around apple to completely cover and fasten securely. Place dumplings 1 inch apart in a greased baking dish. Pour over them a sauce made as follows:  
2 cups brown sugar  
2 cups water  
1/2 cup butter  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
Combine sugar, water and spices. Cook five minutes. Remove from heat and add butter.  
Bake at 375° for from 35 to 45 minutes. Serve hot with milk or cream.





## Season's Greetings



Many thanks for your generous support throughout the past year and wishing you A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**J. C. McFARLAND  
and Staff**



## Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Charter and daughter are spending the holiday season here with Phil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Charter.

The C.G.I.T. were in charge of the service at the United Church on Sunday, December 17. This was the C.G.I.T. annual candle-lighting service and was very much enjoyed by those present. Much credit goes to Mrs. Darks, the group leader, who had given much time and thought to make a very worthwhile presentation possible. We must also congratulate the girls who so ably took part.

The mumps epidemic seems to be still gathering in momentum. So many of the grown-ups are victims now, and some are really quite ill. As one sufferer put it "Mumps won't be able to gain another foothold here for at least ten years—there'll be no material left for them to work on."

Mrs. A. Lindquist and Mrs. Nybloom, all of Edmonton were visiting friends and relatives at Irma last week end.

Mrs. F. T. Thurston went to Ashmont this week where, on December 21, her son, the Rev. Leo Thurston, will be ordained into the full priesthood of the Anglican Church.

Mr. R. Hansen has recently undergone a major operation at the Wainwright hospital. We understand that he is making good progress.

From a letter just received from Mr. A. E. Blakely of Victoria we quote this line, "The flowers are still quite nice here!" Unquote, and it's so long since our flowers were frozen we can forget what they looked like! Mr. Blakely wishes all his old friends at Irma a Merry Christmas.

Irma's first "Irma Day" held here December 16 was a good success. It brought a record crowd of folks to town in holiday mood. Mr. Bryce Jones gave a really life-like interpretation of Santa Claus and our gaily lighted town was just the right background for his activities.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tomlinson should be added to those donating to the United Church in memory of the late W. Hill.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. Torrance at the Wainwright hospital on December 15, a daughter, Jean Carolyn.

Mrs. S. Magrath of Calgary arrived in Irma last week to visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. K. Coffin.

"We would see Jesus, to his star is shining  
Above the stable while the angels sing;  
There is a manger on the hay reclining  
Hosts, let us lay our gifts before the King.  
We would see Jesus in the early morning  
Still as of old he calleth "Follow me";  
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning  
Lord we are thine, we give ourselves to Thee."

Don't forget that the Christmas Eve service at the United Church is "family night."



To all our friends, both old and new, we extend our best wishes for a Christmas of good cheer and a joyous New Year.

**A. C. Charter**



**Irma Machine Works**

Miss Susie McKay, an Honors Philosophy student at Toronto University, will spend the Christmas holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brien at Sault St. Marie, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. David Smith of Ponoka and Miss Edith Jones of Calgary will spend Christmas at Irma with Mrs. E. J. Jones and family.



The Holiday Season affords us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends for their good will and thoughtfulness during the past year.

And with this appreciation goes our wish for a memorable Christmas—one that will be abundant with good cheer and good health followed by a New Year of contentment and good fortune.

**GRATTON VIEW HOTEL**

AND COFFEE SHOP  
Frank Drewicki, Manager



A Merry Christmas everyone and a hearty thank you for your patronage during the past year. May the New Year be more promising with fewer disappointments, and may the peace which we all hope for, be realized during the coming year.  
—From Vic and Kieth.

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